

Supporting Information

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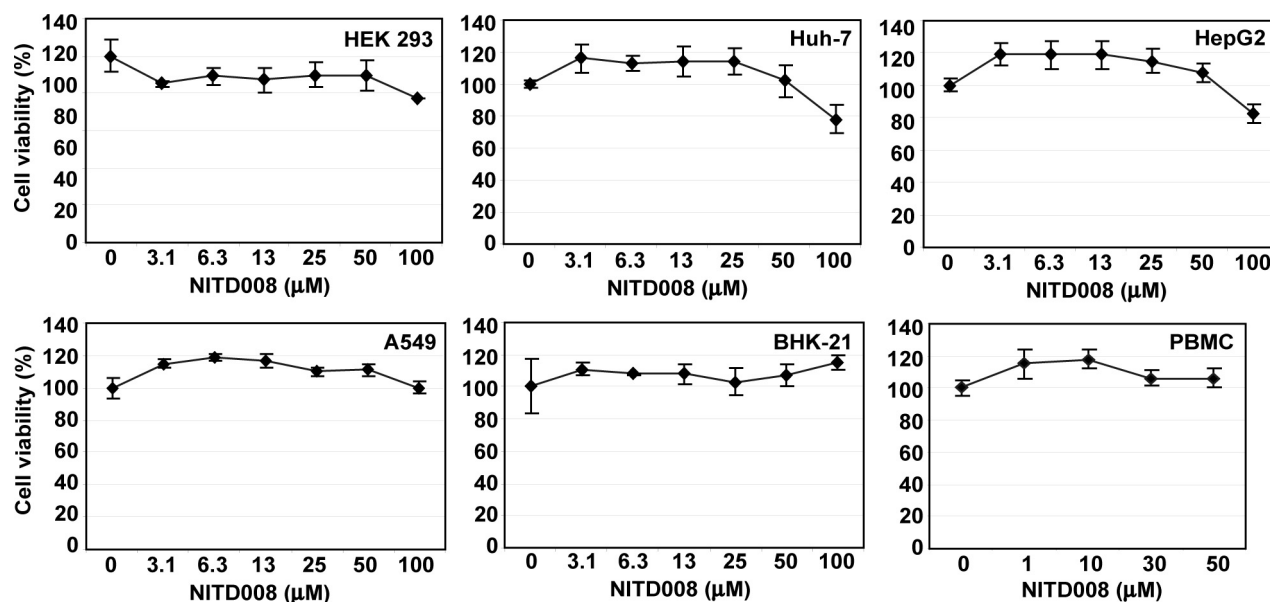


Fig. S1. Cytotoxicity analysis of NITD008. A panel of cell lines, including HEK 293 (human embryonic kidney cell), Huh-7 (human hepatoma cell), HepG2 (human liver carcinoma cell), A549 (human alveolar epithelial cell), BHK-21 (baby hamster kidney cell), and human primary PBMCs, was incubated with various concentrations of NITD008 for 48 h. A CellTiter-Glo luminescent cell viability assay was used to measure the intracellular level of ATP (to indicate cell viability) according to the manufacturer's protocol.

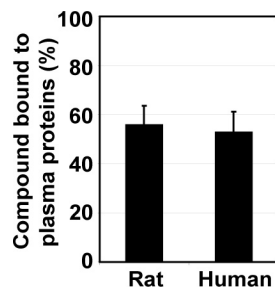


Fig. S2. Analysis of NITD008 binding to plasma proteins. NITD008 (0.5 mg/mL in methanol) was spiked into rat or human plasma at a final compound concentrations of 5 μ g/mL (g/mL). The samples were vortexed for 10 sec, loaded onto an ultracentrifuge tube, and centrifuged at $436,000 \times g$ for 140 min at 4 °C. The resultant plasma was separated into 3 distinct layers: a top layer containing lipoproteins and chylomicrons, a middle layer corresponding to macromolecule free plasma, and a bottom layer containing pelleted proteins. The middle layer fraction was collected and quantified for the amount of NITD008 using HPLC. The percentage of compound bound to plasma protein was estimated using the equation $(1 - \text{Final Compound Concentration After Centrifugation} / \text{Initial Compound Concentration}) \times 100$.

Cell type	Virus*	EC ₅₀ (μM)	Assay type
BHK-21	Dengue 1 (Hawaii)	0.16	CFI [†]
	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	0.82	CFI
	Dengue 2 (New Guinea C)	0.59	CFI
	Dengue 2 (New Guinea C)	0.87	Plaque assay [‡]
	Dengue 2 (New Guinea C)	0.68	CPE [§]
	Dengue 3 (MY21531)	0.65	CFI
	Dengue 3 (MY22366)	0.54	CFI
	Dengue 4 (MY22713)	0.16	CFI
A549	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	2.61	CFI
	Dengue 2 (New Guinea C)	1.64	CFI
	Dengue 2 (MY10340)	1.12	CFI
	Dengue 3 (MY21531)	0.65	CFI
	Dengue 3 (MY22366)	0.46	CFI
	Dengue 4 (MY22713)	0.70	CFI
Huh-7	Dengue 2 (New Guinea C)	1.64	CPE
PBMC (donor 1) [¶]	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	0.80	Plaque assay
PBMC (donor 2)	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	0.68	Plaque assay
PBMC (donor 3)	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	0.32	Plaque assay
PBMC (donor 4)	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	0.62	Plaque assay
PBMC (donor 5)	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	0.85	Plaque assay
PBMC (donor 6)	Dengue 1 (MY10245)	0.23	Plaque assay

¹Cell-based flavivirus immunodetection (CFI) is an ELISA-based assay that measures the amount of envelope protein in infected cells. Briefly, 2×10^4 A549 cells were seeded per well in a 96-well plate. The cells were infected with DENV [multiplicity of infection (MOI) = 0.3] on the following day and immediately treated with different concentrations of NITD008. The compound-virus mixture was incubated for 1 h with shaking every 10 to 15 min; the culture fluid was replenished with fresh medium containing compounds at various concentrations. On day 2 postinfection, the cells were washed with PBS, fixed with 100% methanol (vol/vol) at 4°C for 10 min, and detected for intracellular viral envelope protein by ELISA. The ELISA used mouse monoclonal antibody 4G2 (which specifically recognizes envelope protein of all 4 serotypes of DENV) and goat anti-mouse IgG conjugated with horseradish peroxidase as primary and secondary antibodies, respectively. EC₅₀ values were calculated by nonlinear regression analysis.

⁵CellTiter-Glo luminescent cell viability assay was used to measure the cytopathic effect of infected cells. Typically, 1×10^4 cells per well were seeded in a 96-well plate on day 1, compounds at various concentrations were added on day 2, and luciferase activity was measured to determine the cell viability on day 4.

[†]Approximately 1×10^6 PBMCs in 100 μ L of RPMI were infected with DENV at an MOI of 1 in the presence of compound for 1 h at 37°C. The DENV was preincubated with dengue IgG-positive serum (diluted by 10^4 -fold in medium) on ice for 30 min to enhance the infection efficiency. After the infection, 300 μ L of RPMI medium containing 5% FBS (vol/vol) and NITD008 was added to the culture. On day 2 postinfection, viral titers in culture fluids were determined by plaque assay on BHK-21 cells.

Table S2. Effect of human serum albumin (HSA) and α 1-acid glycoprotein (AAG) on EC₅₀ values of NITD008

Assay condition*	EC ₅₀ (μ M)
Without HSA or AAG	0.53
With 40 mg/mL HSA	1.34
With 2 mg/mL AAG	0.87
With 40 mg/mL HSA and 2 mg/mL AAG	1.41

*A549 cells were infected with DENV-2 (New Guinea C, MOI of 0.3) for 1 h without compound. One set of the infected cells was then incubated with medium containing various concentrations of NITD008; another set of cells was incubated with medium containing compound plus HSA and/or AAG. On day 2 postinfection, viral titers in culture fluids were determined by cell-based flavivirus immunodetection (CFI) assay, as described in the footnotes to Table S1.

